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CAIRO, OTTAWA, CANBERRA, MELBOURNE, ADDIS ABABA, ALL EC-9 CAPITALS,
FROM GENEVA JUNE 21:

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L GENEVA 5001

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PLAB ILO
SUBJECT: ILC REJECTS REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPLICATION OF
CONVENTIONS (CACR)

1. IN RECORD VOTE (135 (US)-0-197) REPORT OF ILC COMMITTEE
ON APPLICATIONS OF CONVENTION FAILED TO RECEIVE QUORUM AND
WAS NOT ADOPTED. VOTE ON REPORT WAS PRECEDED BY SHOW OF
HANDS VOTE ON WHETHER TO ADJOURN AS PROPOSED BY CANADIAN
WORKER DELEGATE (MORRIS) TO COOL OFF BEFORE TAKING VOTE
NEXT MORNING. MOTION FAILED (159 (US)-163-10).

2. ABSTENTIONS TACTIC TO REJECT REPORT WAS USED BY
READICAL ARABS, WHO ARE CLEARLY IN CONTROL OF OTHER ARABS
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AND ALMOST ALL OF G-77 TO REPUDIATE DC'S LETTER OF JUNE
9 WHICH HAD STATED THAT ISRAELI ISSUE COULD BE HANDLED
BY COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS (COE) AND CACR. ARABS WERE
SUPPORTED BY SOVS AND OTHER COUNTRIES LIKE ETHIOPIA
WHO WERE CRITICIZED IN CACR REPORT. NOTE-
WORTHY WAS SOLID SUPPORT FOR REPORT BY IMEC GROUPS
AND BY BRAVE SMATTERING OF THIRD WORLD WORKERS

AND EMPLOYERS. BECAUSE OF CENTRAL IMPORTANCE TO ILO OF COMMITTEE WORK, IT WAS CLEAR IMEC GROUP AND MAJORITY OF WORKER AND EMPLOYER GROUPS REALIZED THEY WERE VOTING NOT ON US ISSUE BUT ON FUTURE OF ILO ITSELF, SINCE INTEGRITY OF WORK OF COE AND MACHINERY OF ILO WAS BEING REJECTED FOR POLITICAL REASONS.

3. IN US INTERVENTION, HOROWITZ REFERRED TO EGYPTIAN INTERPRETATION OF DG LETTER, SAID US INTERPRET DIFFERS FROM EGYPTIAN BUT THAT ONLY DG COULD INTERPRET MEANING OF HIS OWN LETTER. DG DID NOT ENTER DEBATE.

4. SPEECHES FOR REJECTING REPORT WERE MADE BY IRAQ, TUNISIA (WORKER), USSR, SOMALIA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, CUBA, EGYPT, ETHIOPIA, HUNGARY, SYRIA, ALGERIA. SUPPORTING REPORT WERE PLANT (UK WORKER), ITALY, ISRAEL, US, UK (SPEAKING FOR EC-9), AUSTRALIA, MAXWELL (TRINIDAD/TOGAGO WORKER), TOGO (WORKER), WHO SUGGESTED REPORT COULD HAVE AMENDMENT ON ISRAEL, AND HOUTHUYS (BELGIAN WORKER, VICE CHAIRMAN OF CACR). AT LAST MOMENT BEFORE VOTE, LOMBERA (MEXICAN GOVT) SUGGESTED SEPARATING OUT SECTION OF REPORT DEALING WITH ISRAEL AND VOTING ON IT, SO REST OF REPORT COULD BE ACCEPTED. NO ONE SECONDED HIS MOTION.

5. SOME ARABS LEFT ROOM WHILE ISRAELI REP WAS SPEAK-
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ING. MODERATE ARABS APPARENTLY WERE INTIMIDATED BY STRONG LOBBYING OF ARAB LABOR ORGANIZATION AND RADICAL ARABS. WHEN IRAQ REP INITIATED ATTACK ON REPORT, HE SAID HE WAS SPEAKING FOR ALL ARABS. HE HAD NOT BEEN AUTHORIZED TO SAY THAT, BUT MODERATES DID NOT CHALLENGE HIM EITHER IN SPEECHES OR IN VOTING.

6. RESULT OF RECORD VOTE REPORTED SEPTEL.

7. COMMENT: AS DEPT AWARE, 1974 ILC REJECTED REPORT OF CACR BASICALLY BECAUSE OF SPECIAL PARAGRAPH ON USSR. HOWEVER, REJECTION OF CACR REPORT JUNE 20 WAS IN SIGNIFICANTLY DIFFERENT ATMOSPHERE AND WIDER IN SCOPE REFLECTING CLEAR DISDAIN FOR TRADITIONAL EXISTING MACHINERY (EXPERT COMMITTEE) AS WELL AS DYNAMICS OF G-77 (AND OTHER) "HARD-LINE, NO COMPROMISE" POSITION WHICH HAD SURFACED JUNE 17 DURING COMMITTEE ON STRUCTURE DEBATE ON ARTICLE 17 AND STRUCTURE (GENEVA 4906). RESULTS OF VOTE ON CACR REPORT ARE CONTINUATION OF THIS AGGRESSIVE APPROACH. SORENSON UNQUOTE CHRISTOPHER

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